P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Licence Fee of the General Pool bungalows has been revised w.e.f. 1-7-93 as detailed below:—

Type	Floor Area (Sqm.)	Rate of Licence Fee	
		Before 1.7.93	After 1.7.93
VII	189.5 to 224.5	Rs. 465	Rs. 489
VIII	(a) 243 to 350	Rs. 665	Rs. 698
	(b) more than 350	Rs. 975	Rs. 1029

From the above details it may be seen that there is no abnormal increase in the rates of licence fee. The rates of licence fee are revised periodically based on the increase in capital cost of existing Government assets due to additions/alterations and constructution of new quarters.

(c) and (d) Linence fee revision has been effected in respect of all MP bungalows in General Pool in accorance with the details given above.

Central scheme for liberation of Scavangers

6683. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleasd to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing a scheme titled "Central Scheme for Liberation of Scavangers;

(b) if so, details of this scheme:

(c) how many scavangers in Andhra Pradesh have benefited from this scheme in 1994-95; a nd

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The Scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment is Low Cost Sanitation for Liberation of Scavengers. The Scheme is implemented through HUDCO, and it envisages conversion of existing dry latrines into pour flush water seal latrines and to providing of new toilets where none exists on a 'Whole Town' approach thereby liberating scavengers. The total allocation for the 8th Plan Period of this Scheme is Rs. 150 crores. Subject to availability of funds, the present scheme of loan and subsidy is implemented by HUDCO as per the following funding pattern:—

EWS – 45% subsidy, 50% loan and 5% beneficiary contribution.
LIG – 25% subsidy, 60% loan and 15% beneficiary contribution.
MIG/HIG – Nil subsidy, 75% loan 25% beneficiary contribution.

(c) and (d) Though the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has received 25 per cent of the subsidy component in June 1994 from HUDCO they are yet to complete the documentation in so far as the loan position is concerned and, as a result of that execution of the scheme sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 688.61 lakhs is yet to be commenced. On completion 18725 units would get converted and 150 scavengers liberated.

Upgradation of slums in Urban areas

6684. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government encourages urban local body authorities insitu upgradation of slums in urban areas;